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SUBJECT : GUINEA-BISSAU AND THE UN

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMED DEPARTMENT'S POSITION THAT DUE LACK OF INFORMATION USG UNABLE TAKE STAND ON RECOGNITION OF PAIGC-DECLARED STATE OF GUINEA-BISSAU. EMBASSY CONSIDERED THAT POSITION TENABLE, REASONABLE AND FULLY DEFENSIBLE. ABOVE POSITION IMPLIED A WILLINGNESS ON OUR PART TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT US TO MAKE A DECISION.

2. IN CONTINUED ABSENCE ADEQUATE INFORMATION, THERE WOULD HARDLY SEEM TO BE REASONABLE BASIS ON WHICH USG WOULD NOW DECIDE TO VOTE AGAINST ANY GUINEA (B) APPLICATION OF UR MEMBERSHIP.

3. FAR MORE UNDERSTANDABLE AND DEFENSIBLE ONCE GUINEA (B) DOES APPLY FOR UN MEMBERSHIP AND UN IS PROPERLY SEIZED OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUE, WOULD BE FOR UN TO POSTPONE A VOTE AND FIRST INFORM ITSELF

ON FACTS. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, USG MIGHT JOIN OTHERS IN A PROPOSAL THAT A UNSC-APPOINTED MISSION BE SENT TO GUINEA (B). SINCE THERE IS AN OUTSTANDING INVITATION FROM PORTUGAL FOR A UN MISSION TO VISIT GUINEA (B), THE OCCASION MIGHT BE TAKEN TO GIVE THE MISSION A MANDATE TO LOOK INTO CONFLICTING CLAIMS. SUCH A PROPOSAL SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES OR IF DEFEATED, USG AT LEAST COULD NOT BE ACCUSED OF BAD FAITH.

4. IN VIEW ABOVE, EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT IF GUINEA-BISSAU APPLIES FOR UN MEMBERSHIP, USG PLAN TO INTRODUCE OR ENCOUR- AGE INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THAT A VOTE BE POST- PONED AND A UN MISSION BE SENT TO GUINEA-BISSAU TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION WITH A VIEW TO ENABLING THE COUNCIL TO TAKE AN INFORMED DECISION. IF MATTER IS STILL PUT TO VOTE WE SHOULD THEN ABSTAIN ON GROUNDS LACK OF INFORMATION.

5. AS EVERYONE AWARE, CASE OF GUINEA-BISSAU IS FIRST TO BE DEALT WITH SINCE SECRETARY OF STATE AFFIRMED TO UN THAT USG WILL HONOR ITS PLEDGE TO HELP PROMOTE SELF-DETERMINATION IN AFRICA. AFRICANS IN PARTICULAR AND WORLD IN GENERAL WILL THEREFORE BE MEASURING SECRETARY'S WORDS AGAINST THIS FIRST CONCRETE CASE. THIS UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE BORNE IN MIND IN WHATEVER DECISION DEPARTMENT MAY TAKE.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING REACTIONS TO ABOVE SUGGESTION.
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